

In Memoriam of Edward Benvenuti

August 13, 1924 - December 17, 2009

Southbridge: Clement Edward Benvenuti, 85, of Maple St., passed away Thursday, Dec. 17th, in his home surrounded by loving family blessed peace.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Taylor (Edwards) Benvenuti; a son, Mark Benvenuti of Holliston; two daughters, Bonnie Ann Baird and her husband Cud of Southbridge and Cara Ann Simpson and her husband Ken of Southbridge; three grandchildren, Sara Simon of Webster, Scott Simpson and Evan Simpson, both of Southbridge; a great granddaughter, Ava Simon of Southbridge; a brother, Julian L. Benvenuti, Jr. of Clearwater, FL and several nieces and nephews. A sister, Angela Rybacki, predeceased him. He was born in Southbridge the son of Julian L. and Michelena (Salce) Benvenuti and lived his early years in New York, NY. He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, serving in the medical corps.

Ed worked for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 50 years as an inventory manager. He was a member of the American Optical Quarter Century Club and was a member and President of the American Optical Bowling League. In 1980 Ed was named the Southbridge Citizen of the Year. He was a founding member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's Parish, serving with the society for 20 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society. He taught Christian doctrine for 30 years.

In June of 1984 he was ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester, as a Permanent Deacon by the Bishop. He was assigned to St. Denis Parish in East Douglas. Ed was proud to officiate at his daughter's wedding. After serving 25 years as Deacon he continued to serve at St. Mary's Parish in visiting home bound parishioners every month, bringing Holy Communion and comfort. Ed was truly a man of God and family.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Monday, Dec. 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Mary's Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

Mass

Tuesday December 22, 2009, 10:00am

St. Mary's Church

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Born: August 13, 1924

Death: December 17, 2009

Place of Death: Home

Survived By

Taylor Benvenuti, *Spouse*

Mark E. Benvenuti, *Son*

Bonnie Baird, *Daughter*

Cara Simpson, *Daughter*

Julian Benvenuti, *Brother*

Scott James Simpson, *Grandson*

Evan Taylor Simpson, *Grandson*

Sara Elizabeth Simon, *Granddaughter*

Ava Simon, *Great Granddaughter*

Calling Hours

Monday December 21, 2009, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home

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Burial

Tuesday December 22, 2009

St. Mary's Cemetery

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Preceded in Death By

Julian Benvenuti, *Father*

Michelena Benvenuti, *Mother*

Angelina Rybacki, *Sister*

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